

House Resolution No. 3157

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated themselves to helping governmental departments provide services and programs in the efficient, effective manner expected by the public; and

Whereas, Joan M. Banion of Sedalia, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction during her professional labors with the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Legal Services; and

Whereas, the Managing Attorney for the Benefits Hearing Office in Independence since November 1997, Joan Banion will draw to a close her leadership activities with that office on June 30, 2003, in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, Joan Banion began her career with the Missouri Department of Social Services on November 2, 1987, as a Child Support Hearing Officer who conducted hearings and prepared decisions; and

Whereas, selected as supervisor of the Fair Hearings Unit in Jefferson City in March 1989, Joan Banion worked in that ever-important position until July 1, 1994, when she transferred to the Hearing Section Office in Independence to serve as a Hearing Officer; and

Whereas, Joan Banion prepared for her chosen field of endeavor in life by earning a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in May 1987, prior to which she completed a Master of Science in Education-Learning Disabilities degree from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg and a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education degree from the University of Kansas City in 1963, received a Lifetime Teaching Certificate, and worked as a substitute teacher while raising her two children and as a fourth grade learning disabled, remedial reading, and remedial mathematics teacher:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar career associated with Joan Banion during her sixteen years as a state employee and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally linked with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Joan M. Banion, as an expression of our esteem for her and her contributions to state government.

Offered by _____
Representative Todd Smith
District No. 118

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3157, adopted June 3, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker